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Detailed Action

This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 09/29/2008. Claims
 1-9 and 17 have been amended. Claims 1-24 remain pending for examination.

Claim Objections

Claims 2-3 and 6 are objected to because of the following informalities:

On line 3 of claims 2 and 6: "wherein the UNS ..." is suggested to be "wherein the UNS user naming system ..."

On line 2 of claim 3: "wherein a user naming system ..." is suggested to be "wherein [[a]] the user naming system ..."

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be neatived by the manner in which the invention was made. Application/Control Number: 10/695,700

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 Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-20 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu et al. (US 7,085,997), hereinafter "Wu", in view of Khakoo et al (US 2003/0135569), hereinafter "Khakoo".

As to claim 1, Wu discloses an apparatus comprising:

a processor configured to receive, from an application, a request for an identity of a user (a Password-All Portal system/server, which includes a processor, receiving from applications residing on servers 23, 25 and 27 a request for an identify of a user such as user ID and password), and wherein the processor is configured to automatically select one of a plurality of identities selectable for use by the respective application, the respective identity being selected based upon the application, and wherein the processor is configured to provide the selected identity to the application (the Password-All Portal system/server, which includes a processor, selects the corresponding user ID and password stored in a user's profile based upon the respective application residing on servers 23, 25 and 27 to provide the needed data for log-on the application) (Wu, Fig. 2, page 5, lines 25-55, page 6, lines 36-51 and page 7, lines 39-61).

However, **Wu** does not **explicitly** teach the respective identify being selected based upon at least one user preference independent of user input to the application.

In an analogous art, **Khakoo** discloses a method and system for delivering messages based on user presence, preferences or location of the recipient, wherein the instant message delivery server updates the presence and device address entries based on the automatic detection of the presence of the user to enable the delivery of

messages to be routed and scheduled based on the location and availability of the

intended recipient (i.e., selecting an identity of an user such as user's address, phone

number or URL, based on the user status and preference) (Khakoo, Abstract, Fig. 2

and paragraphs [0020-0021]).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at

the time the invention was made to incorporate the features of automatically selecting

one of a plurality of identities for use by the respective application, based upon the

application and at least one user preference, as disclosed by Khakoo, into the

teachings of Wu. One would be motivated to do so to enable the delivery of data

communication to be routed to the user based on user presence, preferences or

locations/devices of the user.

6. As to claim 2, Wu-Khakoo discloses the apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

a user naming system is configured to receive, from a trusted application, a request for

an identity of a user, and wherein the UNS is configured to select an identity further $\,$

based upon a status of the user (select an identity based on user presence, user

location, i.e., based on the status of the user) (Khakoo, Abstract).

7. As to claim 3, Wu-Khakoo discloses the apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

the at least one user preference comprises at least one naming preference, wherein the

user naming system is configured to obtain a status of the user, and thereafter match

the status of the user with a status of a naming preference that also includes a

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predefined identity, and wherein the user naming system is configured to select the

predefined identity of the respective naming preference (the instant message delivery

server 100 is always able to determine whether a user is available and select an identity

of an user such as user's address, phone number or URL, based on the user status and

preference) (Khakoo, Abstract, Fig. 2 and paragraphs [0020-0021]).

8. As to claim 4, Wu-Khakoo discloses the apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

the processor is configured to match the status of the user with a status of at least one

naming preference that further includes at least one application (the instant message

delivery server 100 updates the presence and device address entries based on the

automatic detection of the presence of the user) (Khakoo, Abstract, Fig. 2 and

paragraphs [0020-0021]), wherein the processor is further configured to match the

application requesting the identity with an application of one of the at least one naming

preference having a matching status, and wherein the processor is configured to select

the predefined identity from the naming preference having a matching status and having $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right) \left$

a matching application (if the intended recipient is available at a voice-capable device,

the text-based message is converted to speech and then delivered by means of a voice

call, etc.) (Khakoo, paragraphs [0014-0016]).

9. As to claim 6, Wu-Khakoo discloses the apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

the processor is further configured to identify a current preferred identity based upon at

least one user preference and a status of the user, wherein the UNS is configured to

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receive, from a trusted application, a request for an identity of a user, and wherein the

processor is configured to select the current preferred identity (if the intended recipient

is available at a voice-capable device, the text-based message is converted to speech

and then delivered by means of a voice call, etc.) (Khakoo, paragraphs [0014-0016]

and [0020-0021]).

10. As to claim 7, Wu-Khakoo discloses the apparatus according to Claim 6,

wherein the at least one user preference comprises at least one naming preference,

wherein the processor is configured to obtain a status of the user (the instant message

delivery server 100 updates the presence and device address entries based on the

automatic detection of the presence of the user) (Khakoo, Abstract, Fig. 2 and

paragraphs [0020-0021]), and thereafter match the status of the user with a status of a naming preference that also includes a predefined identity, and wherein the processor is

configured to identify the predefined identity of the respective naming preference as a

current preferred identity (if the intended recipient is available at a voice-capable device,

the text-based message is converted to speech and then delivered by means of a voice ${\sf voice}$

call, etc.) (Khakoo, paragraphs [0014-0016]).

11. As to claim 8, Wu-Khakoo discloses the apparatus according to Claim 7,

wherein the processor is configured to match the status of the user with a status of at

least one naming preference that further includes at least one application (the instant

message delivery server 100 updates the presence and device address entries based

on the automatic detection of the presence of the user) (Khakoo, Abstract, Fig. 2 and

0016]).

paragraphs [0020-0021]), wherein the processor is configured to identify, for each application of each naming preference having a matching status, the predefined identity of the respective naming preference as a current preferred identity of the respective application, and wherein the processor is configured to select the current preferred identity of an application matching the application requesting the identity (if the intended recipient is available at a voice-capable device, the text-based message is converted to speech and then delivered by means of a voice call, etc.) (Khakoo, paragraphs [0014-

- Claims 9-12 and 14-16 are corresponding method claims of system claims 1-4 and 6-8; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.
- 13. Claims 17-20 and 22-24 are corresponding computer program product claims of system claims 1-4 and 6-8; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.
- 14. Claims 5, 13 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu-Khakoo, in view of Gabber et al. (US 5,961,593), hereinafter "Gabber".
- 15. As to claim 5, Wu-Khakoo discloses an apparatus according to claim 1, but does not explicitly disclose wherein the UNS is capable of one of selecting and generating a

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pseudonym to thereby select an identity, and wherein the UNS is capable of providing $\,$

the pseudonym.

In the same field of endeavor, Gabber teaches a proxy system generates and

provides substitute identifiers (i.e., pseudonyms), which allow users to access the

server sites anonymously via the proxy system (Gabber, page 5, line 58 - page 6, line

17 and col. 11, line 54 - col. 12, line 8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at

the time the invention was made to incorporate the features of being capable of one of

selecting and generating a pseudonym to thereby select an identity, and providing the

pseudonym to a non-trusted application, as disclosed by Gabber, into the teachings of

Wu-Khakoo. One would be motivated to do so to allow a user to establish accounts on

web-sites without revealing his true identity, and without reusing the same user names,

passwords for multiple sites to avoid a security breach at one site to affect other sites, at

the same time to allow the user to browse/access the Internet in a safe and private

(anonymous) manner (Gabber, page 2, lines 3-19 and lines 51-55).

16. Claim 13 is a corresponding method claim of system claim 5; therefore, it is

rejected under the same rationale.

17. Claim 21 is a corresponding computer program product claim of system claim 5;

therefore, it is rejected under the same rationale.

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Response to Arguments

18. In the Remarks, Applicants argued in substance that

(A) "Wu does not teach a request for an identity of a user let alone provide a

processor configured to receive a request for an identity of a user from an application"

(as recited from page 7 of the Remarks).

As to point (A), Examiner respectfully disagrees noting that Wu teaches if the

subscriber navigates by use of the local browser to a Web page requiring a secure log-

in, such as his/her on-line banking destination, when the subscriber is presented with an

input window for ID and password (i.e., a request for an identity of a user), the plug-in

fof the Password-All Portal system may be activated to access, transparently, the

Password-All page and automatically to retrieve the needed data for log-on the on-line

banking application (hence, in response to the request for the identity of the user, the

plua-in retrieves the respective user ID and password of the user to submit to the on-

line banking application for authentication) (Wu, Fig. 2, page 5, lines 25-55, page 6,

lines 36-51 and page 7, lines 39-61).

Therefore, Wu does teach "a request for an identity of a user let alone provide a

processor configured to receive a request for an identity of a user from an application",

as recited in the claimed invention.

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Conclusion

19. Applicant's arguments as well as request for reconsideration filed on 09/29/2008

have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection

and are not deemed to be persuasive.

20. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in

this Office action. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37

CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later

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